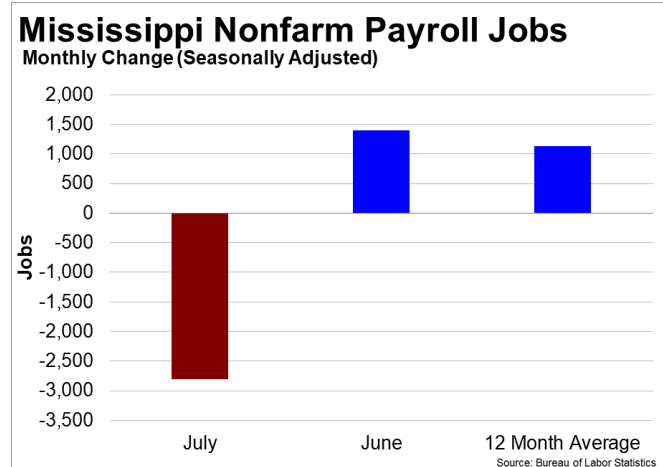
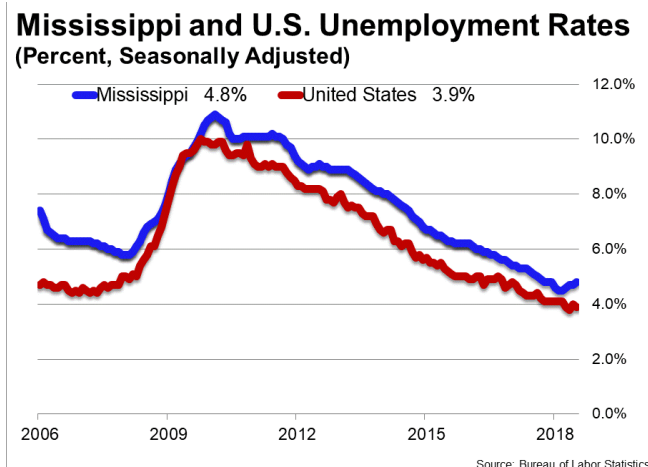




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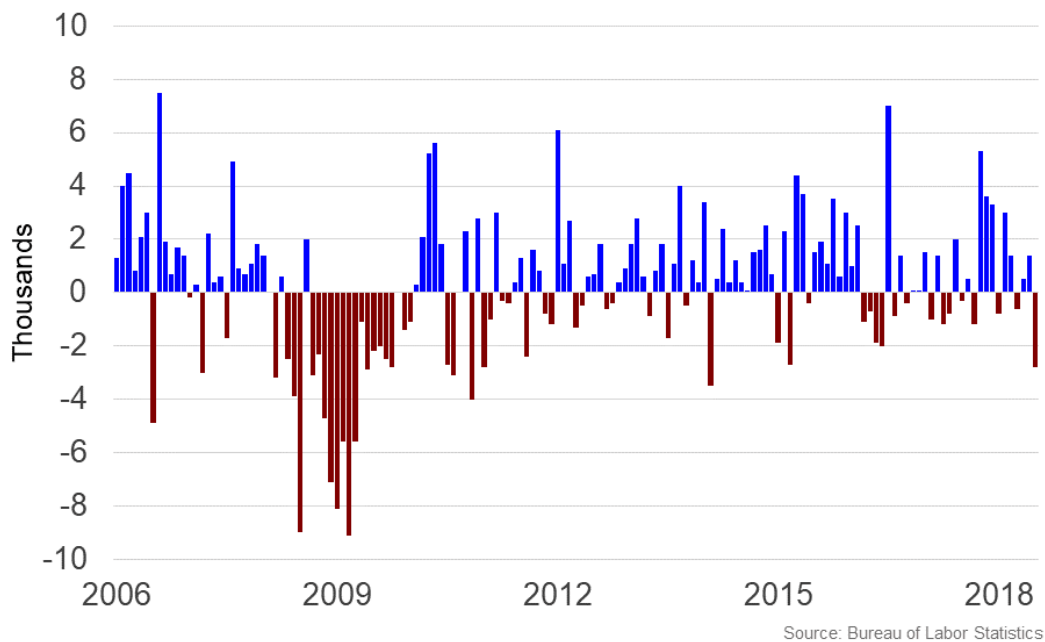
### Summary

- **Mississippi lost 2,800 jobs and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.8 percent in July** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Mississippi added 13,600 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point from 5.1 percent.
- **In July, Mississippi's private sector lost 2,900 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 13,600 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Mississippians rose by 424 in July**, and over the past year 9,206 Mississippians found jobs.
- Mississippi's **labor force participation rate increased to 56 percent** from 55.9 percent in July. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.1 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent in July**. State employment and unemployment data for August is scheduled for release on September 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for August will be released on Friday, September 7, 2018.



# Mississippi Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



## Mississippi Payroll Employment

Mississippi lost 2,800 jobs, or 0.24 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Mississippi added 1,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Mississippi increased by 13,600, or 1.18 percent. Mississippi nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 157,000 jobs in July, or 0.11 percent. Over the 12-month period ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,400,000 jobs, or 1.64 percent. Mississippi ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During July, Mississippi's private-sector lost 2,900 jobs, or 0.31 percent. The private-sector in Mississippi added 1,000 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Mississippi increased by 13,600, or 1.50 percent. Mississippi private-sector payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 170,000 jobs in July, or 0.13 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,392,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.92 percent. Mississippi ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during July were Leisure & Hospitality (+1,400) and Information (+200). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Construction (-1,400) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,100).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+4,900) and Leisure & Hospitality (+4,800). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Financial Activities (-400) and Mining & Logging (-300).



## Mississippi Labor Force Statistics

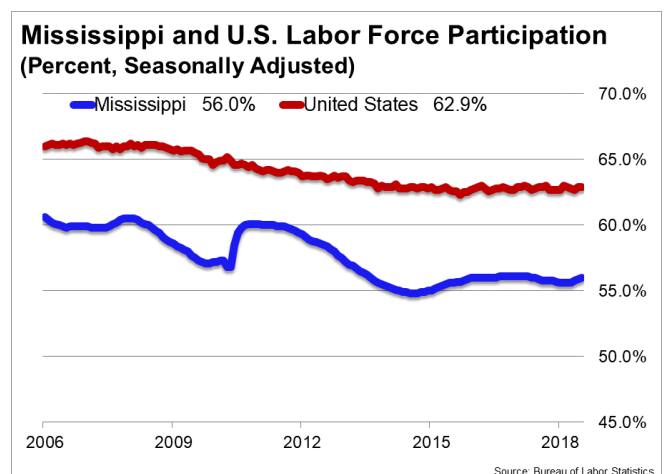
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Mississippi rose to 56.0 percent in July from 55.9 percent the prior month. At 56.0 percent, Mississippi has one of the five lowest labor force participation rates in the nation. The labor force participation rate in Mississippi is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi was 60.1 percent in January 2011. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi occurred in April 2000 when the labor force participation rate hit 63.4 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 54.8 percent in September 2014. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 62.9 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

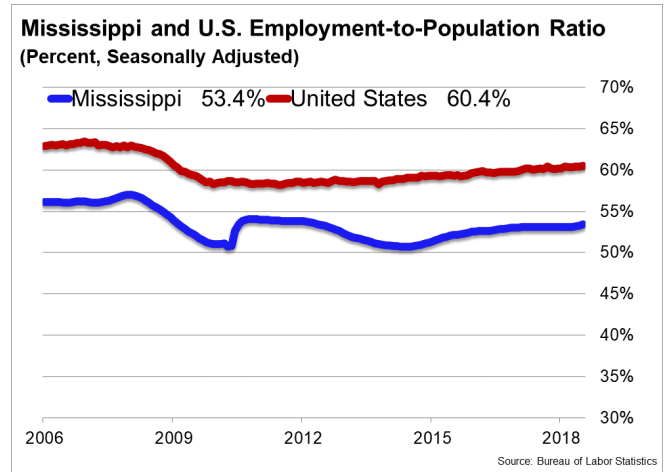
### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Mississippi civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 53.4 percent in July from 53.2 percent the prior month. At 53.4 percent, Mississippi has one of the five lowest employment-to-population ratios in the nation. The employment-to-population



ratio in Mississippi is 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Mississippi was 55.5 percent in August 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Mississippi occurred in May 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 59.8 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 50.7 percent in July 2014. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in August 2014 when the employment-to-population ratio was 50.7 percent.



The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.5 percent in July. That rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.